



# Fact Sheet



Wednesday, July 2, 2008  
12:00 PM

## MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

**Media Only Fire Information Number:** 707-467-2520

**Public Fire Information Number:** 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has burned approximately 37,850 acres and is forty percent contained. Progress is being made on the various fires throughout the county; there are currently 40 active fires and 83 contained fires. Remaining fires continue to increase in size but at a much slower rate. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Additional firefighting crews are arriving daily, including out of state, federal, and military resources. Weather conditions are currently favorable. A warming and drying trend is expected in the next few days. Significant dry conditions still pose a potential for increased fire behavior. Additional Evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Planned firing operations have been successful and will continue today in the Red Mountain Road, Bell Springs Road, and Blue Rock area. Planned firing operations may occur in other areas of the county as necessary. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

### Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County this week. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires in Mendocino County. A specialized air tanker (modified DC 10 airliner), capable of carrying 12,000 gallons of fire retardant, has been ordered and is expected to arrive within the next twenty-four hours.

### Evacuations:

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Community of Rockport
- Montgomery Woods/ Orr Springs Road to Running Springs Road
- Red Mountain Road - From the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road to 13600 Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road – From Hwy 101 to the intersection of Red Mountain Road and Bell Springs Road.
- The Community of Cummings
- Town of Leggett

- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

### **Evacuation Centers**

- ***Placed on Standby***-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)
- ***Placed on Standby***-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)
  - Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
  - Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
  - Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

### **Road Conditions**

- There is the possibility of temporary road restrictions during planned fire operations in the Red Mountain Road, Bell Springs Road, and Blue Rock area.

### **Resources**

- Engines: 117 Crews: 30 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 60 Dozers: 49  
Overhead: 260 Total Personnel: 1,557 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

### **Incident Facts**

- Incident Size: 37,850 Acres
- Contained: 40%
- Injuries to date: 13
- Residences Threatened: 900
- Residences Destroyed: 2
- Commercial Property Threatened: 1
- Number of Active Fires: 40
- Total Number of Fires: 123
- Estimated Costs to Date: \$11,800,000

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